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William Wood
1848

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P. d. James P. Finley
Columbus O.

Rev. d. James P. Finley

Dear Sir

I would not presume to trespass upon your time and numerous duties did not the nature of the case which I will explain seem to demand it

A very worthy young man by the name of John M. D. Mitchell who has been employed for several months past by Messrs. Hardy & Perry of our city has a wife in your County Lunatic Asylum; before he placed her there he made application to the State Institution but could not obtain admission for her, as there was not room at that time

Mr Mitchell has been sick for more than two months and is entirely unable to attend to any business, and it is very doubtful whether he will ever recover, and in the event of his death he would leave his wife penniless and without a relative to take care of her

Mrs. Mitchell is a native of our city but removed some two or three years since to Indiana where Mr M. was engaged in the mercantile business until a short time after his wife became deranged on account of the death of her brother he then sold his interest in the establishment and traveled with her in hopes she would regain her reason and in that way exhausted all his means

and is now unable to pay the \$15 per month which
it is necessary to keep her there - he is very much
afflicted in mind at the thought of being obliged
to remove her as the Superintendent reports her
Convalescent and is extremely desirous that
she should remain under treatment until she
shall be entirely recovered - And under all the
Circumstances did not know of any person
who would be so likely to succeed in getting
her into the State Institution as yourself and
if you will make the effort I can assure you
from my own knowledge of the parties that
it will be rendering an act of benevolence
and humanity seldom presented to us
for Consideration

Your obt. Servt

Civ. Mch 24 1848. J. W. Wood

Do what you can for Stanley
It is a case of Mercy
Yours B. Linnell